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## WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK

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for

MONTANA

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE...SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE.

and

MONTANA AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION

Data included in this report were obtained by the agencies named above in cooperation with Federal, State, and private organizations listed on the inside back cover of this report.

MAY 15, JUNE 1, 1965 and SPECIAL MEASUREMENTS

#### LINITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE - SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE

To Recipients of Water Supply Outlook Reports:

The climate of the cultivated and populated areas of the West is characterized by relatively dry summer months. Such precipitation as occurs falls mostly in the winter and early spring months when it is of little immediate benefit to growing crops. Most of this precipitation fails as mountain snow which stays on the ground for months, melting later to sustain streamflow during the period of greatest demand during late spring and summer. Thus, nature provides in mountain snow an imposing water storage facility.

The amount of water stored in mountain snow varies from place to place as well as from year to year and accordingly, so does the runoff of the streams. The best seasonal management of variable western water supplies results from advance estimates of the streamflow.

A snow survey consists of a series of about ten samples taken with specially designed snow sampling equipment along a permanently marked line, up to 1000 feet in length, called a snow course. The use of snow sampling equipment provides snow depth and water equivalent values for each sampling point. The average of these values is reported as the snow survey measurement for a snow course.

Snow surveys are made monthly or semi-monthly beginning in January or February and continue through the snow season until April, May or June. Currently more than 1400 western snow courses are measured each year. These measurements furnish the key data for water supply forecasts.

Streamflow forecasts are obtained by a comparison of total or maximum snow accumulation, as measured by snow water equivalent, to the subsequent spring and summer or snowmelt season runoff over a period of years. The snow water equivalent measured in selected snow courses provides most of the index to the streamflow forecast for the following season. More accurate forecasts are usually obtained when other factors such as soil moisture, base flow and spring precipitation are considered and included in the forecast procedure. Early season forecasts assume average climatic conditions through the snowmelt season.

Listed below are the Federal-State-Private Cooperative Snow Survey and Water Supply Forecast reports available for the West which contain detailed information on snow survey measurements, streamflow forecasts, reservoir storage, soil moisture and other guide data to water management and conservation decisions. Soil Conservation Service Reports may be secured from Soil/Conservation/Service, 511 N. W. Broadway - Room 507, Portland, Oregon 97209.

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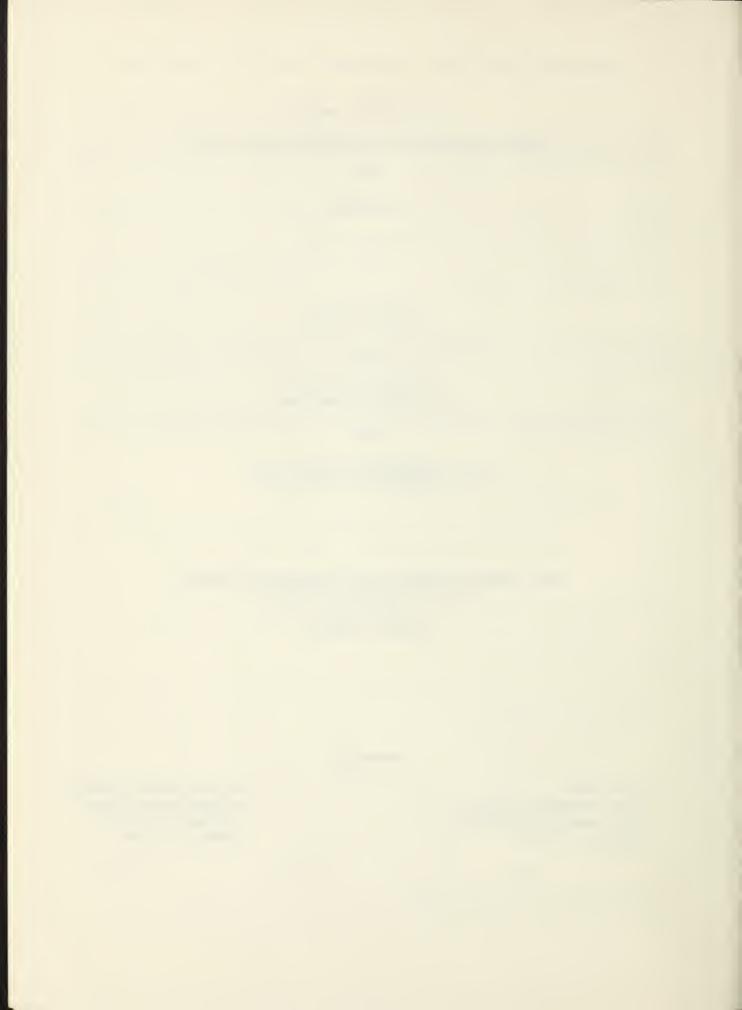
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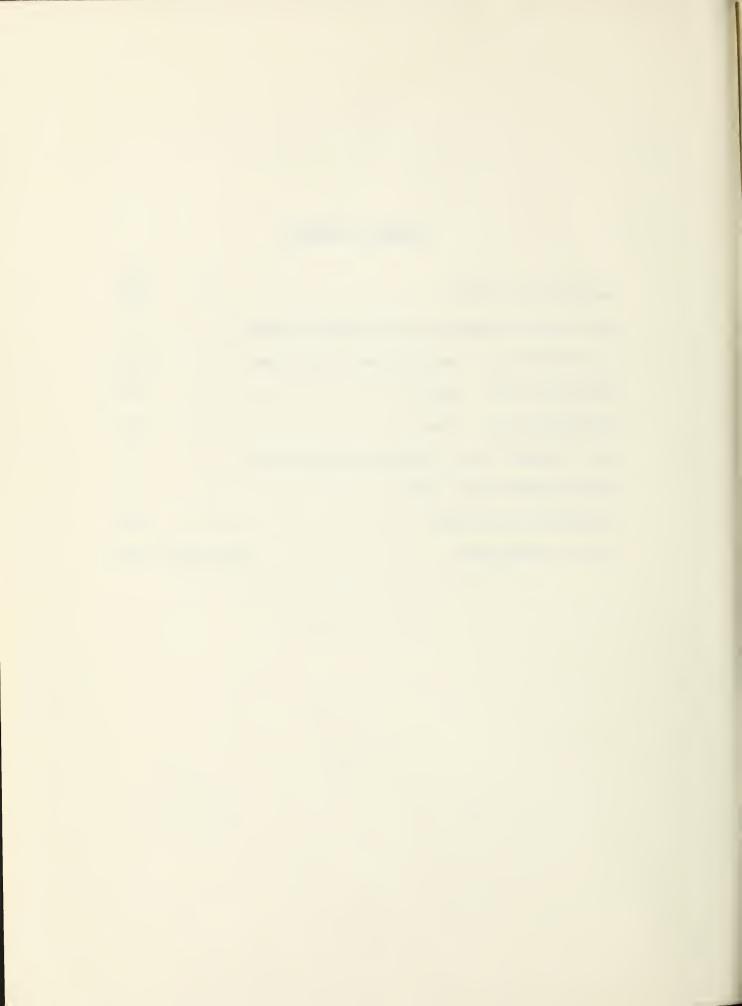
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# MONTANA WATER SUPPLY OUTLOOK as of June 1, 1965

The water supply remains good to excellent and the outlook for irrigation water supplies has improved during the past month. Delayed snowmelt coupled with an above average snow pack on May I has resulted in an above average June I snow pack. The high elevation snow pack in the southwest portion of the state presently contains the maximum of water for this season. This is probably the most water that has been stored in the snow this late in the year.

June 15 surveys are planned for some snow courses. In other areas of the state, high elevation snow pack is well above average.

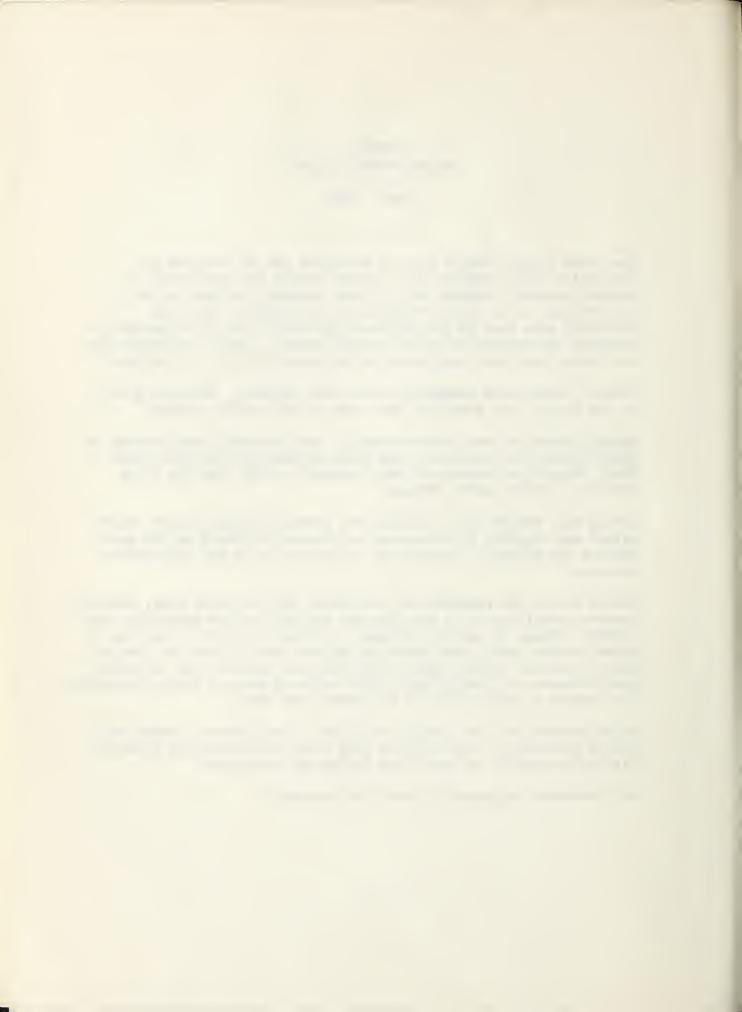
Runoff during May was below average in the Kootenai, near average in the Flathead and Bitterroot, and above average in the Upper Clark Fork. Below the junction of the Flathead, runoff from the Clark Fork was a little above average.

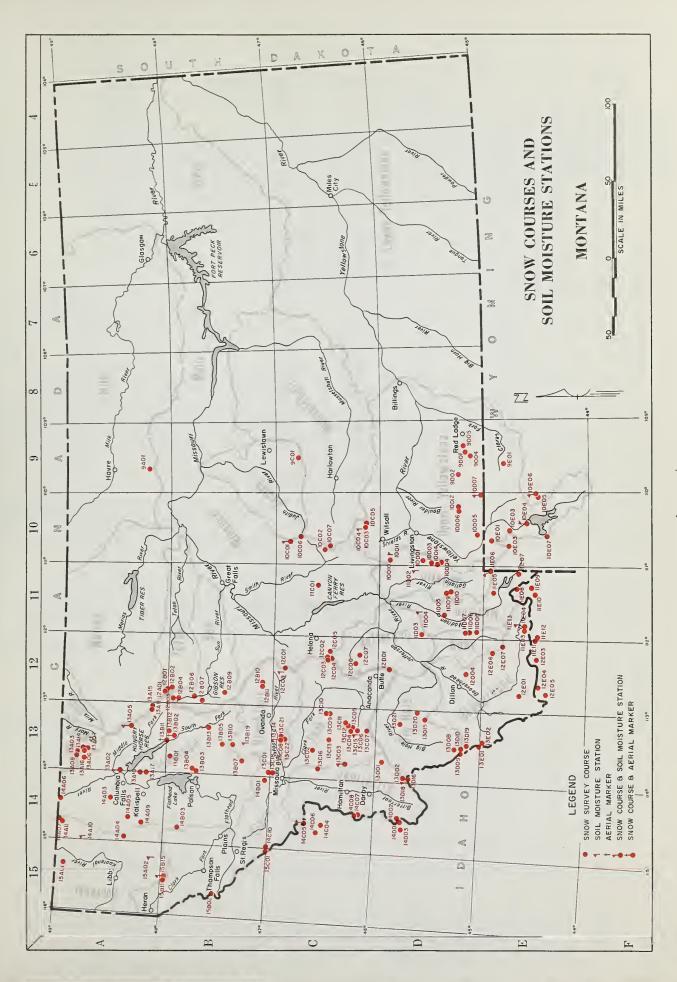
During May, runoff was a little above average in the Missouri head-waters and slightly below average on streams tributary to the main stem of the Missouri. Runoff was below average in the Yellowstone drainage.

Runoff during the remainder of the season will be quite high, percentagewise, particularly in the Missouri and Yellowstone headwaters and snowfed streams in central Montana. In these areas the snow line is quite low, and heavy, warm rains during the first 15 days in June may cause flooding. Evenly spaced warm and cool periods with deficient precipitation, or precipitation that falls as snow at higher elevations, will permit a gradual melt of the heavy snow pack.

Major reservoirs have storage available to help control runoff and reduce peak flows. Spillways on many small reservoirs now presently full will probably be used often during the next month.

Soil moisture is generally near field capacity.





# 1965 INDEX to MONTANA SNOW COURSES and SOIL MOISTURE STATIONS

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ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED 1965 DATA

#### JANUARY 1, 1965

#### COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN

13B13 13B02	River Hell Roaring Divide Holbrook Spotted Bear Mountain Twin Creeks	5770 4530 7000 3580	12/31 1/10 1/10 1/10	78 24 33 30	22.2 6.3A 9.0A 7.8A
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		MISSOURI F	RIVER BAS	IN	
Gallatin	River			_	
	Twenty-One Mile	7150	12/31	67	13.8
		FEBRUARY	1, 1965		
		COLUMBIA F	RIVER BAS	IN	
Flathead	River				
	Twin Creeks	3580	2/12	43	11.6A
		MISSOURI R	IVER BAS	IN	
<u>Gallatin</u>	Distan				
	<u>River</u> Arch Falls	7350	1/30	44	10.7

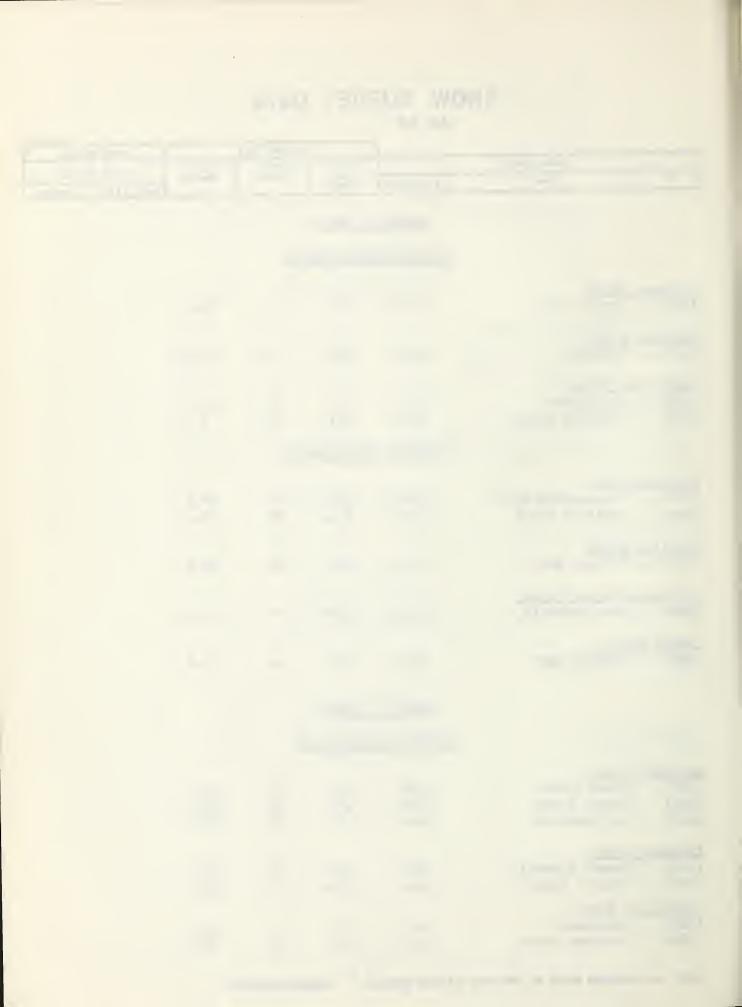
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NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	SURVEY	027711	CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
		MARCH	1, 1965				
		COLUMBIA	RIVER BAS	SIN			
Kootena 15B15	i <u>River</u> Baree Trail	3800	3/1	34	12.1		
Flatheau 14A06		3890	3/1	39	13.2		
Clark F 13CO4 13CO5	<u>ork River</u> Intergaard Southern Cross	6450 6500	3/1 3/1	33 28	10.1 7.8		
		MISSOURI	RIVER BAS	SIN			
Madison	River						
11E21 11E20	Potomageton Park Sentinel Creek	7150 8300	3/16 3/16	53 83	19.0 32.2		
Gallati 10D15		7250	3/12	77	29.9		
Sun-Tet 12B07	on-Marias Rivers Goat Mountain	7000	2/28	50	13.4		
Judith 9001	<u>River</u> Crystal Lake	6100	3/3	44	13.6		
		APRIL	1, 1965				
		COLUMBIA	RIVER BAS	SIN			
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14A04 14A11 15A01	Brush Creek Graves Creek Red Mountain	5000 4300 6000	3/30 3/31 4/1	43 61 58	13.9 21.6 22.0		
Flathea	d River Desert Mountain	5600	3/29	57	21.8		
13A02 13A16	Mineral Creek	4000	3/29	73	27.4		
	ork River	(150	, /2	27	10.6		
13004 13005	Intergaard Southern Cross	6450 6500	4/1 4/1	34 29	10.6 9.2		
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NOTE: ALL AVERAGES BASED ON 1948-1962 (15 YEAR PERIOD). \*ADJUSTED AVERAGE



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		APRIL 1, 196	5 (Contin	ued)		
		MISSOURI R	IVER BASI	. <u>IN</u>		
	ead River		,			
13D15	Elk Horn Springs	7800	3/30	49	15.2	
Missour	i River (Main Stem)					
12005	Chessman Reservoir	6200	3/30	24	6.1	
Madison	River					
11E25	Freezeout Lake	7200	4/14	39	14.6	
11E26	Freezeout Mountain	8250	4/14	71	24.8	
11E22	Lake Creek	6100	4/14	27	10.3	
11E23	Meridian Creek	7000	4/13	43	15.2	
11E20	Sentinel Creek	8300	4/2	83	31.7	
11E24	Tepee Creek	8000	4/13	68	22.7	
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15B11	Baree Creek	5500	4/30	88	46.2	
15B15	Baree Trail	3800	4/30	0	0.0	
Flathea	d River					
13A11	Beaver Lake	5900	5/2	69	31.8	
13B12	Gunsight Lake	6300	5/3	111	50.8	
13A05	Marias Pass	5250	4/27	62	28.0	
13A16	Mineral Creek	4000	5/1	39	17.5	
13A10	Strawberry Lake	5600	5/3	103	53.3	
		MISSOURI R	IVER BASI	<u>N</u>		
Madison	River					
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	ut Mountain	8250	5/4	56	24.4	
Lake Cr	eek	6100	5/7 5/3 5/3	7	1.3	
	n Creek	7000	5/3	25	10.0	
Tepee C	reek	8000	5/3	55	21.2	
Gallati	n River					
11E06	Twenty-One Mile	7150	4/28	55	24.8	
Sun-Tet	on-Marias Rivers					
13A15	Badger Pass	6900	5/3	106	49.8	
12B07	Goat Mountain	7000	4/30	42	15.9	
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NOTE: AL	L AVERAGES BASED ON 1948-19	62 (15 YEAR PERI	OD). AD.	JUSTED AVER	AGE	



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		COLUMBIA	RIVER BA	ASIN				
Kootenai	River							
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Flathead	River							
14A03 13B07	Hell Roaring Divide North Fork Jocko	5770 6330	5/14 5/14	58 95	29.7 50.4	42.5 59.2	-	
Clark For	rk River							
13013 13003 13001 14B01	Black Pine Skalkaho Summit Stuart Mountain TV Mountain	7100 7260 7400 6800	5/13 5/13 5/16 5/15	36 70 68 44	15.6 34.2 34.6 20.9	28.8 -	23.0* -	
Bitterro	ot River							
13D02 14C07 13D22 14C08	Gibbons Pass Lost Horse Saddle Mountain Twin Lakes	7100 5940 7940 6510	5/14 5/13 5/14 5/13	52 67 69 96	26.9 33.0 34.4 48.8	25.9 - -	20.1*	



AS OF MAY 15, 1965

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	SNOW COURSE		DATE	SNOW DEPTH	WATER CONTENT	WATER	CONTENT				
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		MISSOURI	RIVER BAS	IN							
Madison	River										
11E25 11E26 11E22 11E23 11E24	Freezeout Lake Freezeout Mountain Lake Creek Meridian Creek Tepee Creek	7200 8250 6100 7000 8000	5/17 5/17 5/17 5/17 5/17	0 43 0 0 46	0.0 20.6 0.0 0.0 19.4	- - - -	-				
Gallatin	River										
10D14 10D15 10D04 10D03	Arch Falls Bridger Bowl Devil's Slide Hood Meadow	7350 7250 8100 6600	5/15 5/14 5/15 5/15	46 68 80 25	19.0 32.6 35.0 10.0	- - -	- - -				
Missouri	River (Main Stem)										
10001	Kings Hill	7500	5/13	54	21.6	_	-				
Judith R	liver										
10 <b>c</b> 06	Spur Park	8000	5/13	71	31.0	-	-				
Upper Ye	llowstone River										
9D01 9D04	Camp Senia Timberline Creek	7890 8850	5/14 5/14	41 75	14.6 29.0	-	-				



AS OF JUNE 1, 1965

			751111 19 1	CURRENT DATA		PAST R	tinches)
	SNOW COURSE		DATE	SNOW	WATER	WATER C	
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	OF SURVEY	DEPTH	CONTENT		
						LAST YEAR	AVERAGE
		COLUMBIA	RIVER B	BASIN			
Kootena	i River		,				
BC 11	Glacier	4100	5/30	25	11.5	15.7	8.4*
14A11	Graves Creek	4300	6/1	2	0.8		
BC 43	Gray Creek	5100	5/29	23	11.2	17.3	9.5*
BC 33	Kicking Horse	5400	5/31	5	1.5	3.0	6.6*
15A01 14A07	Red Mountain Weasel Divide	6000 5450	6/2 6/1	15 42	7.4 23.6	2.4 21.8	0.00
THEOI	Measel Divide	7470	0/1	LJ.L	~,00	~1.0	
Flathesc							**
13B03	Big Creek	6750	6/1	83	49.4	48.4	42.5*
13A02	Desert Mountain	5600	5/28	1.	0.7	1.5	CZE,
13B04	Fatty Creek	5500	6/1 6/2	11	5.8	11.8	<b></b>
14A03	Hall Roaring Divide	5770	6/2	28	16.0	28.2	20 2*
13B07	North Fork Jocko	6330	6/2	62	33.9	41.8	30.3*
Clark Fo	ork River						
13013	Black Pine	7100	5/27	24	11.0	<b>e</b> a.	-
			6/1 6/1	12	5.0		e=3
13003	Skalkaho Sumit	7260		44	24.0	19.6	14.1*
13001	Stuart Mountain	7400	5/29	53	30.5	<u></u>	20.4*
Ritterro	oot River						
13D02	Gibbons Pass	7100	6/2	26	14.6	11.4	6.7*
14007	Lost Horse	5940	6/1	43	21.9	æ.	o=2
13D22	Saddle Mountain	7940	6/2	50	26.4	600,	ema,
14008	Twin Lakes	6510	6/1	68	37.3	€3	comp
		MISSOUR	I RIVER I	RASTN			
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Madison			» »			•	
11E25		7200	6/1	0	0.0	<u>-</u>	oms,
11E26	Freezeout Mountain	8250	6/1	29	14.5	сац	esc)
11E32	Lake Creek	61.00	6/1	0	0.0	and.	
11E23	Meridian Creek	7000	6/1 6/1	32	14.1	ca	433
11ES4	Tepes Greek	8000	0) T	)K.	1401		
Gallatin	n River						
	Arch Falls	7350	5/30	38	17.0		caso
	Bridger Bowl	7250		54,	28.0	-	CMI,
	Devil's Slide	8100		75	35.2		CON,
10D03	Hood Meadow	6600	5/30	11	404	0.0	COL.
Missouri	River Main Stem						
10001		7500	6/1	41	18.8	ean.	-
Judith H							
10006	Spur Park	8000	6/1	60	27.8	LON	_
	Ab		,				
9D01	ellowstone River	7890	5/28	34	14.7	SER.	CNA
9D01	Camp Senia Timberline Creek	8850	5/28	64.	28.8	==	<b>=</b> 3
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## SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF

(Inches)

			SOIL P	ROFILE Y	CURRENT	T DATA	PAST	RECORD
	SOIL MOISTURE STATION		DEPTH	FIELD	DATE	SOIL	LAST	**AVERAGE
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	DEFIN	CAPACITY	SURVEY	MOISTURE	YEAR	AVERAGE

#### ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED 1965 DATA

		COLUMBIA	RIVER I	BASIN		
Kootenai 15B15M 14A10M 15A02M	Baree Trail Murphy Lake R.S. Raven R.S.	3800 3000 3050	48 48 48	7.5 22.6 23.0	4/30 3/1 1/4 2/2	6.7 21.7 21.5 22.0
Flathead 13AO2M	Desert Mountain	5600	54	8.4	10/2 1/4	5.6 7.1 7.6
13A05M 13B19M	Marias Pass Seeley Lake R.S.	5250 4030	54 48	6.5 10.6	3/29 1/29 12/30	5.5
Bitterroot 13D18M	Gibbons Pass	7100	48	7.1	4/30	7.2
		MISSOURI	RIVER E	BASIN		
Beaverhead 11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	12/3 1/8 2/1 3/3 4/1	6.2 11.2 11.2 13.6 13.4
Missouri M		71.20	, c	מים לי	70/20	77 75
12COM	Kings Hill Stemple Pass	7420 6350	48 48	11.8 5.9	12/30 4/24	7.8 5.4
Yellowston 10D11M	<u>e</u> Battle Ridge	6020	48	15.4	9/1 10/2 11/5 12/1 12/31	

<sup>\*\*</sup>AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# SOIL MOISTURE DATA

AS OF JUNE 1, 1965

(Inches)

		(	SOIL PF	ROFILE	CURRENT	DATA	PAST	RECORD
NO	SOIL MOISTURE STATION NAME	ELEVATION	DEPTH	FIELD	DATE OF	SOIL MOISTURE	LAST YEAR	**AVERAGE
NO.	NAME	COLUMBIA	A RIVER		SURVEY			<u> </u>
Kootenai 15B15M 14A10M 15A02M	Baree Trail Murphy Lake R.S. Raven R.S.	3800 3000 3050	48 48 48	7.5 22.6 23.0	6/2	22.1	- - -	- - -
Flathead 13AO2M 13AO5M	Desert Mountain Marias Pass	5600 5250	54 54	8.4 6.5	5/31	6.1	8.9 6.1	8.7 5.8
Clark Fork 13C15M 13B19M 13C02M	Georgetown Lake Seeley Lake Skalkaho Summit	6450 4030 7260	48 48 48	9.0* 11.9* 10.8	6/1 6/3 6/1	8.0 10.8 10.2	7.8 10.6	- - -
Bitterroot 13D18M 14C05M	Gibbons Pass Lolo Pass	7100 5250	48 48	7.1 10.6*	6/2 6/1	7.0 10.1	7.2 10.2	- -
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN								ř
Beaverhead 11E13M	Lakeview	6700	48	15.3	6/1	15.7	15.0	- ,
Madison 10D04M	Red Bluff	4800	40	4.7	5/29	2.4	3.5	-
Gallatin 11DO2M 11EO6M	College Site Twenty-One Mile	4856 7150	54 48	14.5 8.8	5/28 5/28	13.7 9.9	10.4	10.9
Missouri Ma 10C01M 12C08M	<u>in Stem</u> Kings Hill Stemple Pass	7420 6350	48 48	11.8 5.9	6/1 6/2	10.0	10.4	-
Yellowstone 10D11M 10D07M	Battle Ridge Northeast Entrance	6020 7350	48 48	17.6* 9.4	6/1 5/31	15.8 8.6	13.9 9.6	-

<sup>\*\*</sup>AVERAGE FOR PERIOD OF RECORD

# RESERVOIR STORAGE DATA

AS OF MAY 31, 1965

	75 \	JF MAI 31, 19			(1000 Acre Feet)		
			USEABLE STORAG	E			
BASIN	RESERVOIR	USEABLE CAPACITY	THIS YEAR	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE		
COLUMBIA RIVER	R BASIN						
Flathead	Hungry Horse Flathead Lake Camas <u>l</u> / Mission Valley <u>2</u> /	3,428.0 1,791.0 45.2 100.3	2,245.0 1,457.0 35.0 58.3	2,547.0 1,556.0 25.1 43.6	2,793.6** 1,559.2 41.7 68.8		
Clark Fork	Georgetown Lake Noxon Rapids	31.0 334.6	25.3 192.2	28.2 161.7	24.0		
Bitterroot	Como Painted Rocks	34.9 31.7	28.7	18.1	29.0 32.4		
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN							
Beaverhead	Clark Canyon Lima	255.6 84.0	147.3 77.9	53.7	- 58.1		
Ruby Madison	Ruby Hebgen Lake Ennis Lake	38.8 384.8	262.3	298.0	35.4** 270.5		
Gallatin Missouri	Middle Creek Canyon Ferry	41.0 8.0 2,043.0	24.5 5.1 1,603.0	38.2 7.2 1,851.0	35.6 6.4** 1,756.8**		
	Hauser & Helena Lake Helena Holter Lake	61.9 10.4 81.9	46.5 4.3 70.8	64.2 11.3 78.1	53.4 7.6 72.8		
	Smith River Ackley Lake Durand	10.7 5.8 7.0	11.6 7.0	11.4 - 7.0	8.8** 4.4 6.5		
	Martinsdale Deadman's Basin	23.1 72.2	20.5 70.2	13.6 64.2	15.0 46.8**		
Sun	Fort Peck Gibson Willow Creek Pishkun	19,410.0 105.0 32.3 32.0	16,880.0 94.4 25.2 30.9	12,780.0 93.1 25.2 31.4	11,651.7 94.4 28.5 27.0		
Marias	Lower Two Medicine Four Horns Swift	16.6 19.2 30.0	-	15.0	8.7 11.7 29.6		
	Lake Frances Tiber	112.0 1,313.0	97.5 979.2	77.6 750.2	104.4 729.4**		
Milk	Fresno Nelson Lake Sherburne	127.2 66.8 66.1	119.9 55.5 34.4	98.2 27.2 16.7	107.1 40.7 35.2		
Yellowstone	Mystic Lake Tongue River Cooney	20.8 68.0 27.5	1.9 26.9 15.2	3.6 19.8	6.3 29.3 17.9**		

<sup>1/</sup> Sum of four small reservoirs on west side of Flathead Lake.
2/ Sum of eight small reservoirs in Mission Valley not including Jocko Lake.

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The mountain snow pack was heavy in most areas of Montana throughout the 1965 season. Record or near record amounts of water were measured at many high elevation snow courses.

Snowmelt is later than normal over most of the state.

In the southwestern part of the state, particularly on the

Gallatin and Yellowstone headwaters, snow continued to increase

its stored water at the higher elevations through June 1. As

a result, measurements on some snow courses were maximum for

the season on June 1.

Special surveys were made on June 15 to assess the amount of the remaining snow cover. Last year, special surveys were obtained on June 16-18 after a period of severe flooding.



AS OF JUNE 15, 1965

				CURRENT DATA		V 9407 6	(Inches)	
SNOW COURSE			DATE SHOW		WATER	PAST RECORD WATER CONTENT		
NO.	NAME	ELEVATION	OF Survey	DEPTH	CONTENT	LAST YEAR	AVERAGE	
COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN								
Kootenai 14All 14A07	i <u>River</u> Graves Creek Weasel Divide	4300 5450	6/16 6/16	0	0.0 3.1	<del>-</del> 5.0	<u>-</u> -	
Flathead 13B07	River North Fork Jocko	6330	6/16	29	17.0	24.2	-	
Clark Fo 13013 13003	o <u>rk River</u> Black Pine Skalkaho Summit	7100 7260	6/15 6/15	0 11	0.0 6.0	0.0 8.6	<u>-</u> -	
Bitterro 14007 14008	oot River Lost Horse Twin Lakes	5940 6510	6/14 6/14	15 37	7.8 20.0	18.0 27.4	<u>-</u>	
MISSOURI RIVER BASIN								
Gallatin 10D14 10D15 10D04 10D03	Arch Falls Bridger Bowl Devil's Slide Hood Meadow	7350 7250 8100 6600	6/15 6/15 6/15 6/15	13 25 51 0	6.4 14.1 25.6 0.0	1.1 20.4 0.0	=	
Missouri 10C01	River (Main Stem) Kings Hill	7500	6/14	19	8.9	1.6	-	
Judith R 10C06	liver Spur Park	8000	6/14	35	17.2	7.0	-	
Upper Ye 9D01 9D04	e <u>llowstone</u> Camp Senia Timberline Creek	7890 8850	6/14 6/14	0 27	0.0 12.9	0.0	-	



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